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UNCTAD'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS' NEW AGENDA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990s

(Agenda item 8) (continued)

91. At the Sessional Committee's 3rd formal meeting, on 8 October 1992, the Chairman said that there had been a good, frank general debate on the issues facing Africa and possible responses by UNCTAD within its mandate. UNCTAD secretariat document TD/B/39(1)/5 had provided the background for the Committee's work. The debate had taken into account the relevant sections of the Cartagena Commitment which called upon UNCTAD to respond fully to the United Nations New Agenda and the African situation in general. The New Agenda had been adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/151, which requested Governments, organs, organizations of the United Nations system, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to take appropriate measures in order to implement the commitments contained in the New Agenda.

Action by the Committee

92. The Committee decided that:

- The Secretary-General of UNCTAD should be requested to undertake Africa-specific studies, analyses and reports on the issue areas set forth in the appendix to this text, for consideration by the Trade and Development Board at its subsequent sessions;
- The Secretary-General should be requested to present progress reports on UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the New Agenda to the spring sessions of the Trade and Development Board;
- The secretariat should give priority to Africa in the deployment of available technical cooperation resources and ensure that UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities within the context of the New Agenda respond to the needs of African countries;
- Extra-budgetary resources should be sought from countries willing to contribute in order to augment available resources to intensify UNCTAD's contribution to the New Agenda, including support for the proposed studies and related technical assistance programmes in Africa;

- The work of UNCTAD's intergovernmental bodies should take into account the New Agenda and Africa-specific problems in general;
- The Trade and Development Board should evaluate UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the New Agenda every two years, taking into account the follow-up and monitoring mechanisms and time-table set up by the General Assembly.

93. The Committee further decided to recommend its decision to the Board for adoption.

Appendix

Africa-specific studies, analyses and reports to be undertaken by the UNCTAD secretariat for consideration of the Trade and Development Board

1. Spring 1993:

   (i) Review of UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities in Africa,

   (ii) Regional integration issues in Africa.

2. Spring 1994:

   Investment promotion, foreign direct investment, transfer of technology.

3. Spring 1995:

   Issues relating to sustainable development, population, human resources, and environment.

4. Topics for later sessions of the Board:

   (i) Achievement of sustained and sustainable growth;

   (ii) Trade, commodities and diversification; and

   (iii) Interrelationship between economic progress, market orientation, good management, and increased popular participation.